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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-499)

In the Application of:

Chou et al.

Serial No.: 08/903,944

Filing Date: July 31, 1997

For: Production of Transgenic Poinsettia

) Examiner: D. Fox

) Group Art Unit: 1638

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 27, 2001

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows: (MARKED-UP COPY)

6. (Three Times Amended) A method for producing transgenic poinsettia plants, comprising:

(a) incubating poinsettia plant tissue explants that produce reddish epidermal callus on auxin- and cytokinin-containing callus induction medium;
(b) culturing reddish epidermal callus on embryo induction medium comprising casein hydrolysate and NH_4^+ and/or NO_3^- to form embryogenic callus;

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on May 29, 2001.

Date: May 29, 2001

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